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In order for the Proposed Final Judgement in this case to level the playing field for application developers and for operating system developers, it must enforce :

- 1) Full and timely release of the Windows API (and modifications over time) to the developer community. Timely in this case means that the developers have enough time to make modifications to their application to conform to changes in the API and to release those changes at the same time the OS is released.
- 2) Hardware providers must be able to ship Intel based systems with the OS of the customers choice without having to pay a fee to Microsoft if Windows is not on the system.
- 3) Microsoft must make full disclosure of Intellectual Property to which it claims rights. This enables developers to correctly identify what ideas are theirs and which have encumbrances from Microsoft.

Please make sure that the final judgement is both punitive, and encourages innovation in the software industry by allowing equal access to customers.

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though the english language was slightly bruised.